

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(d), the attached sheets of drawings include changes to FIGS. 1 and 2. These sheets replace the original sheets including FIGS. 1 and 2. In the Replacement Sheet for FIG. 1, a legend --PRIOR ART-- has been added. In the Replacement Sheet for FIG. 2, reference characters for IC card 10 and board 10a are properly shown. *No new matter has been added.* Support for the amendments to FIG. 2 may be found variously throughout the Specification including, but not limited to page 12, paragraphs 1 and 2.

REMARKS

This amendment is responsive to the Office Action dated February 19, 2009. In the amendment, claims 1-12 have been amended to correct typographical and grammatical errors and to *These amendments add no new matter*. Claims 1-12 remain pending in the application.

Applicant expresses appreciation for the indication that claims 1-12 contain allowable subject matter. In light of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks, reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims are respectfully requested.

Objections to the Drawings

Regarding the objection to FIG. 1, Applicant has submitted a Replacement Sheet with a legend --Prior Art-- added so as to comply with MPEP § 608.02(g).

Regarding the objections to FIG. 2, reference characters for IC card 10 and board 10a are now properly shown so as to comply with 37 C.F.R. § 1.84(p)(5).

Objections to the Specification

Applicant expresses appreciation for the Examiner's efforts in improving the Specification and submits a Marked-up Substitute Specification corrected typing, grammatical and idiomatic errors pointed out by the Examiner. Application notes that the amendments have been made to the Specification as set forth in U.S. Pub. No. 2006/0255156 A1. Further, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.125(c), Marked-up and Clean Substitute Specifications are attached.

Objections to the Abstract

Applicant has also corrected the abstract of the disclosure so that the abstract would comply with MPEP § 608.01(b).

Objections to the Claims

Applicant expresses appreciation for the Examiner's efforts to put claims 1-12 in better form. Claims 1 -12 have been amended to correct the informalities listed on pages 4-5 of the Office Action.

Claim Rejections

Claims 1-12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim what Applicant regards as the invention.

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's attention in this regard and has amended independent claims 1, 4, 7 and 10 to correct the noted defects. Applicant respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of these grounds of objection.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing arguments, all claims are believed to be in condition for allowance. If any further issues remain, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned to resolve them.

This response is believed to be a complete response to the Office Action. However, Applicant reserve the right to set forth further arguments supporting the patentability of their claims, including the separate patentability of the dependent claims not explicitly addressed herein, in future papers. Further, for any instances in which the Examiner took Official Notice in the Office Action, Applicant expressly do not acquiesce to the taking of Official Notice, and respectfully request that the Examiner provide an affidavit to support the Official Notice taken in the next Office Action, as required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.104(d)(2) and MPEP § 2144.03.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 18-0013, under Order No. SON-3210 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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Attachments: Clean Substitute Abstract
Replacement Sheet for FIGS. 1 and 2
Annotated Sheet Showing Changes to FIGS. 1 and 2
Clean Substitute Specification
Marked-up Substitute Specification